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The Attorneys for Applicant in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99 bring the following references to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent

2,326,549

Issued:

August 10, 1943

Title:

FRAME FOR WALL OPENINGS

Inventor:

Miller

U.S. Patent

3,902,296

Issued:

September 2, 1975

Title:

BLOCK CONSTRUCTIONS

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4,157,271

Issued:

June 5, 1979

Title:

DRYWALL JOINT FILLER

Inventor:

Moore

U.S. Patent

4,219,971

Issued:

September 2, 1980

Title:

POCKET WINDOW

Inventor:

Mauroner

U.S. Patent

4,454,696

Issued:

June 19, 1984

Title:

MOTION BEAD FILLER STRIP

Inventor:

Tuttle

U.S. Patent

5,159,794

Issued:

November 3, 1992

Title:

JAMB LINER SLOT COVER

Inventor:

Habbersett et al.

U.S. Patent

5,426,894

Issued:

June 27, 1995

Title:

CONTINUOUS SIDELIGHT SILL WITH ADAPTABLE

THRESHOLD CAPS

Inventor:

Headrick

U.S. Patent

6,202,353

Issued:

March 20, 2001

Title:

ALUMINUM SECTION MEMBER ASSEMBLY WITH A THERMAL

BRIDGE GAP FOR WINDOW AND FOOR FRAMES

Inventor:

Giacomelli

U.S. Patent

6,256,956

Issued:

July 10, 2001

Title:

MOISTURE AND AIR RESISTANT WRAP FOR WINDOWS,

DOORS AND SLIDERS AND METHOD OF USING SAME

Inventor:

Davis

U.S. Patent

6,332,294

Issued:

December 25, 2001

Title:

CONSTRUCTION OF MECHANICAL DRAFT EXCLUDERS FOR

THE LOWER PART OF JAMPS

Inventor:

Carranza

Also enclosed are copies of the following publications/articles:

1. "780 CMR: [Massachusetts] State Board of Building Regulations and Standards", January 19, 2001, Sixth Edition, Section 780 CMR 1304.0 BUILDING ENVELOPE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL AND HIGH RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, pages 221-230.

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- 4. "ASTM Designation: C 1172-91 Standard Specification for Laminated Architectural Flat Glass", (1991), 8 pages.
- 5. "LAMINATED GLASS", including "UL 752 Ballistic" and "UL 972 Forced Entry", 2 pages.
- 6. "American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM)" Designation: F 1642 96, "STANDARD TEST METHOD FOR GLAZING AND GLAZING SYSTEMS SUBJECT TO AIRBLAST LOADINGS", (1996), pages 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Applicant's Attorneys have prepared and enclose herewith the Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 for the Attention of the Examiner.

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